

**M**ake your neighbors green with envy and help protect natural resources with this lawn care tip: Mow cool-season grass such as tall fescue, bluegrass, perennial rye and creeping fescue at no shorter than three inches in height, and warm-season grass such as bermuda and zoysia no shorter than two inches. This helps develop a deep root system that will improve the lawn's drought tolerance. Weeds will be less competitive in taller grass and the grass roots will stay cooler. Proper landscaping and maintenance can reduce water usage, save money and protect your community's natural resources.



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